

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement on the passage of H. Con. Res. 85, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2010:

“Today we addressed the consequences of the ill-advised policies and miscalculations of the previous administration. For the first time in years, we have an honest budget that deals with our economic challenges. The budget cuts the deficit by nearly two-thirds by 2013; cuts taxes for middle class Americans by \$1.5 trillion; creates and saves American jobs with investments in health care, clean energy, and education; and reduces spending to its lowest level as a percent of the economy in half a century.

“This is a fiscally responsible budget that reflects the needs and priorities of the American public. This budget ensures transparency and accountability throughout the budget process and protects taxpayer money by rooting out waste, fraud and abuse. Appropriations requests in the budget represent no more than 1% of the total discretionary budget and will be visible online for the public to view.

“In contrast, the proposed Republican budget would continue the failed policies of the past – providing \$3.6 billion of preferential tax treatment for a select group at the expense of deep cuts to needed services to countless Americans. It is time to move America in a new direction and pull ourselves out of this economic and fiscal crisis.”

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